



Funding Fact Sheet

- The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, located in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, was constructed using \$34 million raised from both state and private funding.
- The museum's capital campaign is chaired by Louis J. Grasmick, and has raised \$48 million.
- In 1998, the Maryland General Assembly established the museum as a public instrumentality and an independent unit of State government--representing the significant investment by the State of Maryland for the preservation of African American heritage through education, preservation and tourism.
- In 1999, The Reginald F. Lewis Museum received \$1.5 million in planning and design funds from the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly. The Museum was responsible for raising \$3 million for capital construction and completed its goal in 2003.
- The Museum has a projected annual budget of \$2.5 million and has already established a \$5 million endowment. During the Museum's first two years of operation, the State of Maryland will provide 75% of the total operating budget. The Museum is responsible for the remaining 25%. Thereafter the State of Maryland will provide 50% of the museum's total operating budget and the Museum is responsible for the remaining costs.
- The Reginald F. Lewis Museum will pool from a diverse mix of revenue sources including individual and corporate memberships, facility rentals, sponsorships, gift shop and café sales, donor societies, and fundraising events to support its annual operating budget.
- In June 2002, The Museum received a gift of \$5 million from the Reginald F. Lewis Foundation to support the museum's endowment and to fund the museum's educational initiatives. In honor of this gift, and to pay tribute to the local Marylander, the state and Museum leadership renamed the Museum as The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture.
- In addition, the Museum has received significant financial support from Peter G. Angelos, Comcast Corporation, Aegon Financial Services, The St. Paul Companies, W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Times Mirror Foundation, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, among others.
- In August 2004, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum received the "We the People" challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for \$1million to support the Museum's educational programs and initiatives.
- To further strengthen the museum, the museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate--providing the museum and its members with additional access to priceless collections, programs, membership and other benefits.